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FOR THE ATTENTION OF:-

1. THE LEADER OF COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR DIANA COLLINS
2. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR RICHARD MORGAN

I am in receipt of a copy of the 'revised Standard *Caravan* Site licence Conditions' which apparently were approved by cabinet in a very recent Epping Forest District Council meeting which has been 'called in' by Councillor Elizabeth Webster.

May I first correct the reference to the word 'caravan' which seems to refer to my home which is NOT a caravan and is a luxury 2 bed-room, two bath room *PARK HOME* which has full central heating, is double glazed and is built to very high standards with full smoke and carbon dioxide detection. It is also built to full flame retardant and flame resistant specifications, which is more than some conventional built brick and mortar homes. All *park homes* on this site and any park home site must adhere to these stringent requirements.

I have been a professional in the aviation world for most of my life and my wife and I moved to Woodbine Close Park in August 2007. We moved here for a quiet semi retirement and purchased our new park home here because it was a beautiful part of the country side and the residents here were all here basically for the same reasons. Many are quite elderly and the last thing they need is the hassle of councils passing 'retrospective' site licence conditions which are going to cause immense worry and unnecessary stress.

The three revised conditions proposed effect existing:-

- 1. Park Home Site Boundary limits.**
- 2. Wooden Sheds/sheds of combustible material**
- 3. Fences and Hedges height**

Myself and the residents feel that there has been no consideration for the rights of the residents of Park Homes and the fact that existing boundary's, garden storage and fences and hedges have been there for many years. (Some for as long as 40 years). The new regulations would infringe their right of privacy and disrupt their lives so much that many would consider requesting re-housing and with all the stress that will cause the council may regret their lack of thought on this matter.

We would urge to re-consider the 'retrospective' enforcement of these revised Licence Conditions and consider a compromise by the gradual introduction of Fire Service recommendations by inspection/s by them and then a realistic gradual implementation with help where it is needed. We have no more a fire risk on our park home sites then any local housing estate, in fact in many ways we are safer by having fire hose points at regular intervals around the park.

The size of our partition which will be lodged by next week reflects the strong feelings that have been generated by the proposed 'retrospective' changes.

Yours sincerely

Signature redacted by the
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Mr B J Leverett

Copy to: - Councillor Elizabeth Webster